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In the Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as follows before calculating the application filing fee. The claim amendments below are made to the claims as filed by the Applicants.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-21 from the application without prejudice.

Add the following new claims 22-34 to the application:

22. A capacitive digital caliper used for measuring inside or outside dimensions of the measured object comprising

a main beam with jaws on its end portion; and

a slider sliding along the length of said main beam, having jaws on its end portion matching with those of said main beam, provided with a measuring display device comprising a measuring display and a measuring circuit board, wherein,

a rack is provided along the length of said main beam, and is suitable for the range of said main beam;